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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 50, Part 3, relative to the issuance of driver licenses to minors.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-312, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (a), and by renumbering subsections accordingly:

(a)(1) No person who is under eighteen (18) years of age shall be eligible to hold a driver license, except as expressly provided herein. Upon attaining sixteen (16) years of age and complying with the application and examination requirements of this chapter, a person shall be eligible to hold a restricted Class D driver license that restricts such person's driving privileges to the time period between 6:00 a.m. and 12:00 a.m., midnight, prevailing time.

(2) The time-period restrictions of such license shall not apply under the following conditions:

(A) the licensee is driving directly to or from such licensee's place of employment;

(B) the licensee is driving directly to or from the secondary or post-secondary school that such licensee attends, for the purpose of attending classes, receiving individual instruction or counseling, or otherwise participating in school-sponsored activities; or

(C) there exists a medical emergency.

(3) Upon attaining eighteen (18) years of age, a person shall be eligible to hold an unrestricted driver license, provided that such person has otherwise complied with the application and examination requirements established in this chapter.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-312, is further amended by deleting the present subsection (e) in its entirety, and by renumbering subsequent subsections accordingly.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1995, the public welfare requiring it.

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